

WOTUS Roundtable Attendees

Ted McKinney – Director, Indiana State Department of Agriculture since January 7, 2014. Prior to joining ISDA, he was Director of Global Corporate Affairs for Elanco Animal Health, a subsidiary of Eli Lilly and Company. Grew up on a family grain and livestock farm in Tipton, Indiana. B.S. in Agricultural Economics, 1981.

Bruno Pigott – Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management. He has worked at the Agency since 2000 and served in various capacities including Assistant Commissioner in the Office of Water Quality, Chief of the Permits Branch, the Compliance Branch, and the State Revolving Fund Section. He received his Masters Degree from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs and his Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Dr. Ronald Turco – Head of the Purdue Agronomy Department; Director of the Indiana Water Resources Center (IWRRC.org); Ph.D., Soil Microbiology. His research is concentrated on understanding how the behavior of microorganism and the processes they control in natural systems, is influenced by human activity.

Randy Kron – Randy Kron of Evansville became President of Indiana Farm Bureau Jan. 1, 2016. Prior to his election, he had been Vice President since 2002. He and his wife, Joyce, farm about 2,000 acres near Evansville, raising yellow corn, white corn, soybeans and wheat. 1983 Purdue graduate in agricultural economics.

Justin Schneider – Director of State Government Relations, Indiana Farm Bureau. B.S. in Agribusiness Management from Purdue, JD from IU School of Law – Bloomington. Grew up on a grain and livestock farm in southern Indiana and focuses on land use and environmental related issues for Farm Bureau. Current President of the American Agricultural Law Association.

Jane Ade Stevens – President and CEO of the Indiana Soybean Alliance, the Indiana Corn Marketing Council and the Indiana Corn Growers Association. Prior to Jane's work with Indiana's corn and soybean programs, she was president of Stevens & Associates, Inc., a public relations and communications company. She has also worked for Indiana Farm Bureau, Elanco, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Natural Resources & Environment Assistant Secretary. Grew up on a grain and livestock farm.

Jane Hardisty – Indiana State Conservationist with USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Grew up on her family farm in southern Indiana. She is the nation's longest serving state conservationist. She helped establish the Indiana Women for the Land program, which provides information, networking, education and resources to Indiana women landowners and farmers.

Jennifer Boyle Warner – Executive Director of Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts. SWCDs, or Districts, are local units of government that manage and direct natural resource management programs at the local level. Indiana has 92 Districts – one for each county. They work closely with other forms of local, regional, and state government, private nonprofits, and educational institutions to provide a high level of conservation service to private landowners.

Martha Clark Mettler – Assistant Commissioner, Office of Water Quality (IDEM). Martha has a B.S. in Public Affairs and a Masters in Environmental Planning from Indiana University. She joined IDEM in 1995 and has served in various roles including as Chief of the Watershed Planning Branch and Chief of the Groundwater Section.

Julia Wickard – Director of Government Affairs and Agricultural Liaison (IDEM). A Purdue University graduate in Agricultural Communications and Political Science. She lives on a corn, soybean, and beef cattle farm in Hancock County. Previously she served as State Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency in Indiana, Executive Vice President of the Indiana Beef Cattle Association, and Deputy Director in the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture in Indiana.

Brian Rockensuess – Chief of Staff, (IDEM). Brian served as a floor supervisor and legislative assistant at the Indiana State Senate. He joined IDEM in 2014 as Agricultural and Legislative Liaison and is now chief of staff. Masters in Environmental Affairs from Indiana University.

Jordan Seger – Director of the Division of Soil Conservation (ISDA). Jordan grew up on a poultry farm in southwest Indiana and graduated from Indiana University. Previously he was a program manager in Agricultural and Environmental Affairs for the Soils division and worked for a year with ISDA field staff.